



Application No. 10/506,302
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Remarks

This second preliminary amendment supplements the preliminary amendment submitted with the application on September 1, 2004, wherein claims 1-6 were canceled and new claims 7-13 were added. Entry and consideration of this second preliminary amendment prior to the first Office Action is respectfully requested.

The specification is amended to correct minor informalities. Claims 7, 9, 10 and 13 are amended for clarity and to further define the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claim 10 is amended to depend from claim 7, rather than to stand as an independent claim. Claim 13 is amended to remove a multiple dependency. New claims 8-26 are added. Thus, claims 7-26 are now pending in this application for consideration.

This amendment is intended to place this application in better form and in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss resolve any issues that exist after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this amendment may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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